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Reign as most livable city ends

Vancouver drops to third in world's most livable cities index **Highway closure on Vancouver Island factored into fall**

Melbourne has supplanted Vancouver as the world's most livable city, according to The Economist's Livability Index.

The change interrupts Vancouver's multi-year string of No. 1 rankings in the survey, which measures political stability, health care, culture, the environment, education and infrastructure. Vancouver is now ranked No. 3, behind the Australian city and Vienna, Austria.

However, a discrepancy on the part of the magazine's surveyors casts doubt over the legitimacy of the downgrade.

"In the latest survey for July 2011, a small adjustment in Vancouver's score for transport infrastructure, reflecting intermittent closures of the key Malahat highway (on Vancouver Island), resulted in a 0.7 percentage point decline," the document reads.

Vancouver finished 0.2 percentage points behind Melbourne due to the geographic mix-up. Toronto ranked No. 4 and Calgary No. 5, all with livability ratings above 96 per cent. All told, 140 cities are included in the survey, with Harare, Zimbabwe receiving the lowest livability rating of just 38.5 per cent.

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▶ Dogs play at English Bay on July 27.

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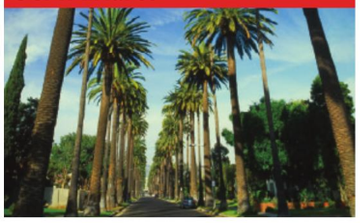

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Common sense is growing among B.C. drivers

More and more B.C. drivers are realizing the risks of using a cellphone or hand-held device while driving.

A new Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of ICBC found that nearly 87 per cent of respondents believe texting or emailing is one of the most risky things to do behind the wheel.

"You are four times more likely to crash your car when distracted by your cellphone," said Jill Blacklock, ICBC road safety and delivery manager. "People are seeing that risk is really real."

Despite this, about 16 per cent admitted to talking on a hand-held cellphone while driving over the last 12 months, and nine per cent admit to texting or emailing while driving.

"There are options," said Blacklock. "If tempted, you can put your cellphone in the trunk, turn your ringer off, or pull over to answer the call."

ARIANA KAKNEVICIUS

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▶ Insp. Les Yeo, head of the riot investigation team, explains yesterday how the public can help catch hundreds of suspected Stanley Cup rioters in a new VPD interactive website.

New riot website up, but no riot charges

VPD encourages public to log on to new website and help identify suspected rioters ◐ 40 photos posted on website, 100 more to be put up

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Vancouver police are asking the public to help them bring hundreds of suspects from the June 15 Stanley Cup riot to justice through a new interactive website.

Insp. Les Yeo of the riot investigation team said they have posted 40 photos of suspected rioters on the website, riot2011.vpd.ca, in the hopes the public can identify them.

Yeo said they'll be adding 100 more photos in the coming weeks so investigators won't be overwhelmed and have enough time for a thorough investigation.

Police Chief Jim Chu also again defended the VPD over the lack of charges stemming from the incident.

He said police are taking their time to collect evidence to make sure that people are held accountable to the full extent of their involvement during the riots.

"We don't get two chances at this," Chu said. "We can't charge rioting and then say, 'Hey, your honour, we found some more information three months later. Can we charge with rioting again?' You get one kick at the can and that's why we need to take our time to ensure these suspects, these accused, don't evade justice."

Chu added 42 people have already turned themselves in, and police are investigating 1,100 names of people who may have been involved in the riots.

Still no charges have been laid.

An independent report into the riot is expected to be released Thursday by former head of VANOC John Furlong and former deputy justice minister from Nova Scotia Doug Keefe.

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Teachers and parents learning to live with distractions of tech-savvy texting students. Scan code for story.

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No 'optimism' in school talks

Education minister says timely end unlikely in teachers dispute
Province spends $365 million for all-day kindergarten expansion

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Universal all-day kindergarten and improved personalized learning will be among the changes to B.C. schools this fall, Education Minister George Abbott said yesterday.

Abbott also echoed the widely-held sentiment that there is little hope for a timely resolution in the labour dispute with B.C. teachers.

"If there is a reason for optimism around the early conclusions of these talks, it has not been shared with me," Abbott said, adding that schools would experience a number of repercussions from job action beginning next week.

While the province remains firm on its net-zero mandate on wage increases for educators, the expansion of all-day kindergarten alone carries a price tag of $365 million.

However, Abbott explained that this expenditure – unlike the improved salaries and changes to working conditions sought by teachers — is accounted for in the ministry's long-term budget.

Cruising. Dino

▶ A dinosaur skeleton is propped in the window of one of three cars circling the city to promote a new Science World exhibit at TELUS World of Science.

ARIANA KAKNEVICIUS/FOR METRO

Dinos cruise city streets

No, the city's streets haven't turned into a real life Jurassic Park horror show. The dino-cars will be driving around until the end of the summer, handing out free child passes to the Extreme Dinosaurs exhibit.

New low-income housing opened

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Eric Othot has been battling bipolar disorder and depression for more than half his life, and says he's one of the lucky ones to find safe, affordable housing.

The 618 Apartments — an 18-unit rental building on Commercial Drive — was officially opened yesterday, providing housing for low-income people with mental health challenges.

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▶ Eric Othot

The federal government provided $1.3 million for the project, while B.C. gave more than $1 million to buy the apartment building.

Carbon offsets unjust: NDP

The B.C. Liberal government's carbon offset policy is irrational and should change, argued provincial New Democrats yesterday.

Presently, the province's Pacific Carbon Trust accrues funds from the public sector to subsidize institutions that commit to emissions reduction. Environment Minister Terry Lake contends the PCT is working, but agreed tweaks are needed. KYLE FARQUHARSON

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Is Gadhafi's mystery daughter Hana alive?

Evidence mounts that exiled leader faked the young girl's death **Libyans believe Gadhafi wanted sympathy and to foster hatred against the West**

Since the rebel takeover of Tripoli, evidence has been mounting that Moammar Gadhafi may have lied about the death of his adopted baby daughter Hana in a 1986 U.S. airstrike.

The strike hit Gadhafi's home in retaliation for the Libyan-sponsored bombing of a Berlin nightclub earlier that year that killed two U.S. servicemen. At the time, Gadhafi showed American journalists a picture of a dead baby and said it was his adopted daughter Hana — the first public mention that she even existed. Diplomats almost immediately questioned the claim. But Gadhafi kept the story alive through the years.

But when Libyan rebels took over last week, they found a room in Gadhafi's home with Hana's birth certificate and pictures of a young woman with the name "Hana" written on the back, possible indications that she lived beyond infancy.

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▶ Col. Moammar Gadhafi holds a girl thought to be his daughter, Hana, in this 1996 photo.

Gadhafi's other daughter gives birth

Hunted throughout her homeland and forced to flee into exile across a dangerous desert border, Aisha, daughter of ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, paused somewhere in the Sahara to have a baby.

The dramatic birth of Gadhafi's granddaughter, after her mother and other relatives escaped Libyan territory into Algeria, lends a human dimension to the dictator's downfall and the ongoing mystery of his whereabouts. The birth in exile was disclosed by the Algerian Health Ministry yesterday.

Algeria's U.N. Ambassador, Mourad Benmehidi, said the country allowed them to enter for "humanitarian considerations." Algerian news reports had said Aisha's pregnancy was one reason for the country's controversial decision to take the family in. Libya's interim government criticized Algeria's decision and demanded that Algiers hand them over for trial in Libya.

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▶ Aisha Gadhafi

News in brief

Passenger gets revenge on boy

INJURY. San Diego police say a boy throwing rocks at vehicles was struck in the abdomen by a crossbow bolt fired by a passenger in small sport utility vehicle.

The boy was shot in the abdomen and was taken to a hospital. The San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper says his injuries are not life-threatening. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel ramps up security

MILITARY. Israel sent two more warships to the Red Sea border with Egypt, the military said yesterday, as part of military reinforcement.

Earlier this week, Israel's military ordered more troops to the border area, days after militants crossed into Israel through the Egyptian border and killed eight Israelis in a brazen attack.

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Greek prisoners almost escape

JAIL BREAK. Officials at Greece's largest prison say they have prevented an escape by discovering a 10-metre-long tunnel dug by an alleged murderer and two other inmates awaiting trial for burglary.

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Groups demand probe of access-to-info case

Former political aide welcomed RCMP decision earlier this month clearing him of any wrongdoing

Three watchdog groups are asking Parliament to find out why the RCMP dropped its probe of alleged political interference in the release of government information.

Newspapers Canada, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and the B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association issued a joint letter Tuesday asking a House of Commons committee to investigate the case of Sebastien Togneri.

In 2009, Togneri, a political aide to then-public works minister Christian Paradis, ordered a document withheld from a Canadian Press reporter who had requested it under the Access to Information Act.

The document, an annual report on the government's giant real-estate portfolio, was then retrieved from the Public Works mailroom shortly before it was to be sent out.

Togneri was later required to appear before the Commons committee on access to information, privacy and ethics, where he acknowledged his order to "unrelease" the document was a "mistake."

A year-long investigation by Canada's information commissioner concluded Togneri had inappropriately interfered when he had no legal authority to do so.

Suzanne Legault recommended the government send the case to the RCMP to examine whether Togneri's actions broke Section 67.1 of the Access to Information Act, which provides for jail terms and penalties for interfering with the release of government information.

The RCMP was called in, but this month dropped their probe, saying any criminal investigation was "unwarranted."

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Investigation

- **Dismissed.** Togneri left government in 2010, and was removed from the federal election campaign of a Tory candidate in Edmonton in April when his role there became public.
- **Reports.** Canada's information commissioner, Suzanne Legault, has launched other investigations of political interference in access-to-information at Public Works, Foreign Affairs and National Defence. The reports are expected in the next year.

Eid. Holiday

▶ A young boy watches as men pray during the Muslim Association of Canada's Eid celebration at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre yesterday.

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Ramadan wraps with Eid festivities

Eid Al-Fitr marks an end to the holy month of Ramadan. Thousands of Muslims attended the 26th annual event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, as well as other celebrations across Canada, yesterday.

41 Regionally, there was marked disagreement only in Quebec, where 41 per cent approved of the idea and 46 per cent were against it.

Military name change gets the OK

The Harper government's decision to restore the traditional names of the navy and air force has the support of a majority of Canadians, a new poll suggests.

A survey by The Canadian Press-Harris/Decima found that 56 per cent of respondents agreed with the change and 31 per cent opposed it.

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News in brief

Child survives cougar attack

UCLUELET, B.C. An 18-month-old child is recovering in hospital after a cougar attack inside Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

The attack occurred at about 6 p.m. Monday on the beach of a popular day-use area at Kennedy Lake, some 16 kilometres east of the community of Ucluelet.

The toddler is now listed in serious condition at Vancouver's Children's Hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulcair mulls leadership run

MONTREAL. NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair is considering a bid to succeed Jack Layton, but says it will likely be another three weeks before he announces his decision.

The fluently bilingual Montreal MP, who has represented the party in the Commons since 2007, joins NDP president Brian Topp in expressing interest in becoming leader of the official Opposition.

Mulcair told a news conference in Montreal yesterday that he has received support from colleagues, but is unlikely to make any announcement before the House resumes Sept. 19. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clerk charged in lottery fraud

WINNIPEG. A Winnipeg man is facing serious fraud charges after he allegedly held onto a customer's lottery ticket that ended up being worth $90,000.

On July 27, the ticket won $90,641.40. Police said the employee went to the WCLC on Aug. 2 claiming to be the winner.

The employee was arrested on Thursday. He has been charged with theft under $5,000 and fraud over $5,000. METRO

Harper aide bows out

OTTAWA. Dimitri Soudas has delivered his last briefing as chief spokesman for Stephen Harper.

The 32-year-old is leaving politics for a private-sector job and more family time.

Soudas was a Harper aide and adviser for nine years.

In recent years, he acted as communications director and sparred regularly with journalists over access and control of information.

In his final briefing, he said he'll miss a job that provided him with constant adrenaline.

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No more limits to new domain names

Web addresses could soon be more personalized and funky But search engines still look for .com

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Forget the old-fashioned web suffix ".com"— coming up with eccentric names to make websites catchier and easier to remember is the new trend on the Internet.

Icann, the global internet body that creates new web addresses, announced it will be taking applications next year for domain suffixes of almost any word and in any language.

From the current 22 domain endings available, websites ending with the adverb-sounding ".ly", the broadcast-hinting ".tv" or the captivating ".me" are now the hippest choice.

"Businesses always need quirky names that are easy to spell and to remember. If you come up with a more brandable name for your website, then you should go for it," marketing expert Andrew Girdwood from global digital media company bigmouthmedia told Metro.

As Girdwood explains, the downside is that websites ending in .ly — the country code domain for Libya — are designated as formal property of Libya's state-controlled telecommunications corporation, whose status is uncertain due to unrest in the region.

Montenegro has arguably the coolest-sounding ccTLD (country code top-level domain) with .me. Indeed, it has been a real gold mine for a country born only in 2006. According to Hosterstats.com, more than 500,000 .me domains have been registered, so far.

"A great quirky domain can work really well. But I don't envisage most established companies moving their primary web presence away from .com any time soon."
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Yet despite the rise in trendy domain names, old habits die hard, as major online search engines still favour the old-fashioned.

"Dot-tv sounds perfect for a broadcasting company, but for search engine optimization, the dot-com is more popular," Mick Say, an expert at England's Online Marketing Academy, tells Metro.

"If a person is searching the Internet for a service or a global business, Google gives priority to the dot-com extension. It tells the search engine that 'I want to be known internationally as an international business.'"

Brazil. Greenpeace protest

▶ A Greenpeace activist helps a person dressed as a whale covered in oil during a protest at the headquarters of oil company Perenco, yesterday, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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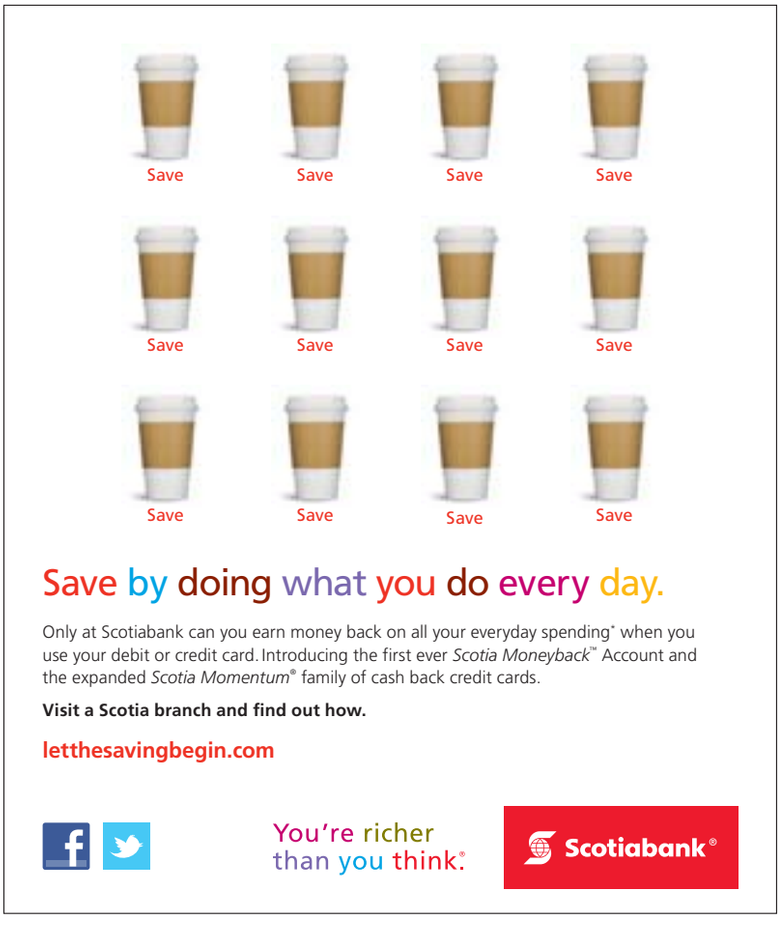
Sticky situation for oil firm

Greenpeace is demanding that Anglo-French oil company Perenco, and other companies, stop their exploration in Abrolhos, a large mating area for humpback whales off the coast of Brazil.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Economy may be stalling

Economists widely expect that the Canadian economy stalled in the second quarter and may have even contracted slightly amid the global economic slowdown.

"It is going to be a hair within positive or negative, but the balance is slightly tilted to the negative," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said yesterday.

"Either way, it is essentially a flat profile for the economy."

Statistics Canada is expected to report the country's second-quarter gross domestic product results this morning, and a reading that economic growth was slower or even reversed course a little would indicate the economy is still struggling to throw off the effects of the recession.

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Emails to be evidence in Facebook lawsuit

The New York man suing for part ownership of Facebook must give lawyers for the social networking company access to all his emails dating to 2003.

A federal judge yesterday denied Paul Ceglia's request to delay Facebook's access to his emails so he could voice his objections in court. Ceglia's lawyer had made the request in a filing late Monday, hoping to protect Ceglia's privacy.

Ceglia claims he made a deal with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half ownership of the $50 billion company.

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Consumer confidence drops in U.S.

A private research group says that American consumers' confidence in the economy in August dropped almost 15 points to its lowest level in two years.

The reading came as worries about the economy fuelled the wildest stock market swings since the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Conference Board says that its consumer confidence index dropped to the lowest level since April 2009.

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JUST SAYIN' ...

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METRO

Vancouver: the world's most liveable city – NOT!

There is no joy in latté land today with the news that the Economist Intelligence Unit has demoted Vancouver, for years the most liveable city atop its list, to third, behind Melbourne and Vienna.

Even worse news? Toronto and Calgary are 4th and 5th, hot on our heels.

Oddly, the stupid Stanley Cup riot played no role in the demotion, although it may hit us where we rank. The reason for this year's demotion: a brief closure of the Malahat Highway due to a tanker spill in April led to a fractional reduction in infrastructure points, enough to allow Melbourne and Vienna to surge ahead.

Melbourne? Wasn't that the place that was hit with devastating floods earlier this year?

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What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver. I would wager that many of the people who live in Metro Vancouver have no idea where the Malahat Highway is and have never been on it. It's relevant if you live in Victoria, which, like Vancouver, starts with a "V", but that's about it.

So you have to wonder about the Economist Intelligence Unit and its whole World's Most Liveable City project. The problem is there was no wondering when Vancouver was on top of the list. We just sat back, relaxed, and gloated.

Even when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Even as it took a king's ransom to buy a rundown bungalow in Kerrisdale. Even as we rolled up the tinted windows on the SUV to avoid being tainted by the Downtown East Side. So now it's not going to do us much good to cast aspersions on the intelligence of the Intelligence Unit.

Meanwhile, Toronto and Calgary are flexing their gloating muscles. They can hardly wait for next year's list, when the EIU takes the riot into account. I'm not sure I'll have the strength to carry on if Calgary turns out to be more liveable than Vancouver.

There's one thing I do know. I'd rather live in Toronto, or even (gasp) Calgary than in one of the cities at the bottom of the list, although they say #140: last place Harare, Zimbabwe, is nice this time of year.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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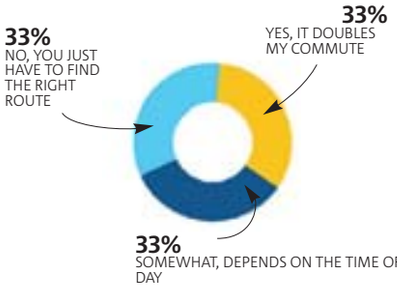
StatsCan says public transit takes longer than driving to work. Do you agree?



Local tweets

- **@ttttonyh:** Vancouver no longer the top livable city. Funny how the riots didn't affect the score, but highway closures did.
- **@KQ_VanCityHall:** Dear Malahat, I specifically left the island because I wanted to end things between us. It's over. Stop telling the economist we're together
- **@marcush39:** So #Melbourne has replaced #Vancouver as the worlds most livable city? So privileged to have spent time in both. 2 beautiful cities
- **@johnsobey:** Vancouver has gone from 1st to 3rd in the "World's Most Livable Cities" list because of problems with the Malahat Highway. #WHAT!?
- **@TheCrawdaddy:** For first time in almost a decade, Vancouver isn't considered the most livable city in the world. I pretty much blame Luongo & the Sedins.
- **@simonlavoie:** Vancouver no longer "most livable city on earth" due to highway closures on Van. Island. Writers ignore INSANE cost of living/real estate...

Letters

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent recently announced new regulations for limiting emissions for any new coal-fired power plants that will be built in Canada starting July 2015.

While framed as legislation that Kent claims will act as "the equivalent of taking eight million cars off Canadian roads" this legislation falls drastically short of an effective level of environmental protection for two central reasons: Firstly, the legislation essentially gives existing plants licence to continue to pollute; secondly, it allows Maxim Power to build a new 500-megawatt coal plant in Alberta before the July deadline, thereby escaping the new regulations.

If we are serious about protecting the future of our precious natural resources, as well as that of our children as well as our planet, we need to stop investing in coal power and setting mediocre standards that do more to appease corporate citizenship than Canadian citizens, and we need to do this NOW, before it is truly too late.

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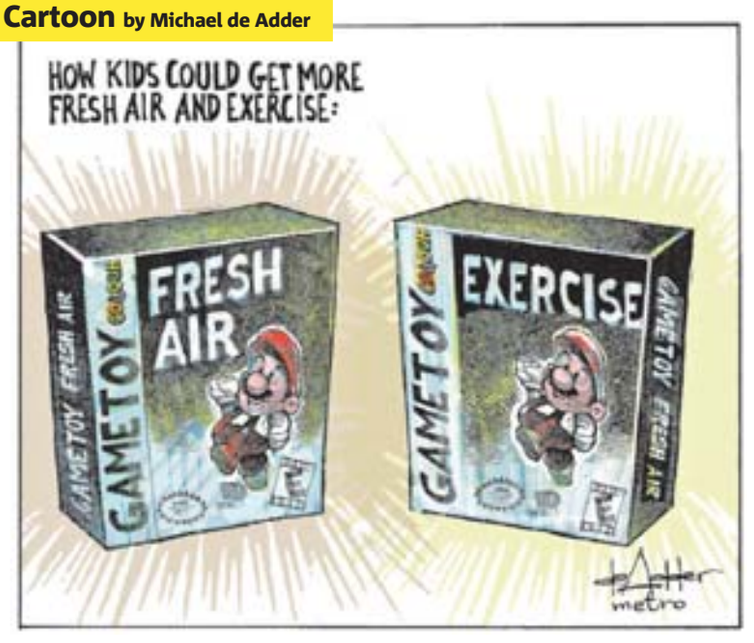

WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plane attempt an epic fail

U.S. officials say a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with bags of exotic snakes and tortoises stuffed in his pants.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last week.

Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes and three tortoises hidden in the man's pants.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The unidentified passenger was arrested.

It's not the only time someone has tried to smuggle snakes on a TAM Airlines flight, the paper reported.

In 1996, a woman attempted to sneak 75 live snakes inside her bra in Sweden, according to the Sentinel. And, in 2007, a man tried to smuggle a tiny monkey under his shirt on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, the paper said.

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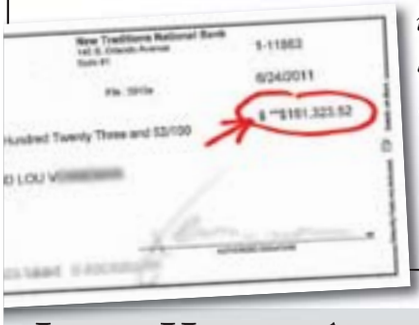

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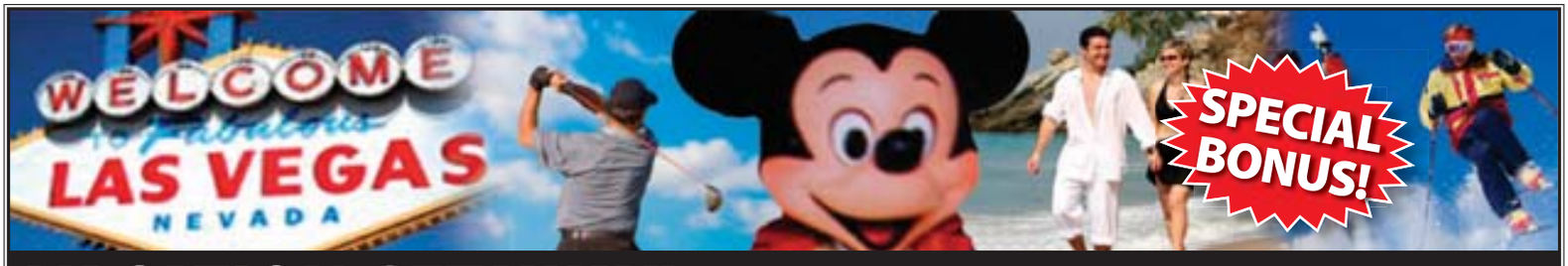

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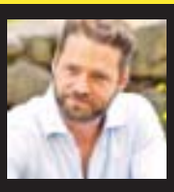

Canuck star Jason Priestley is set to appear at the Gemini Awards next month. His racy program Call Me Fitz has 16 award nominations. Priestley says he's thrilled to see widespread recognition for his Nova Scotia-based cast and crew and is looking forward to the celebration in Toronto.
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Ed O'Neill to get Hollywood Walk of Fame star in front of shoe store, event features TV wives.

With summer coming to an end, it's the perfect time for a movie to scare you off the beach
Here to do it is Shark Night 3D, from Snakes on a Plane director David Ellis

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▶ Alyssa Diaz stars in Shark Night 3D.

Fear of what lurks below

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Metro recently caught up with Shark Night 3D director David Ellis and one of the flick's stars, American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee, to see what secrets about the film they're willing to spill. As it turns out, not many.

What can you tell us, without giving too much away, about Shark Night 3D?
David Ellis: There's sharks in it (laughs). It's really weird. And a lot of the movie takes place at night.
Katharine McPhee: I'm in it.
DE: Kat's in it.
KM: My character's name is Beth. That's all I know.

David, you're no stranger to genre movies. What's the appeal of them as a filmmaker?
DE: For me, I think it's just fun to be able to entertain people — for them to be able to go an escape from everything crazy that's going on in the world for an hour and a half and go have fun, to kind of scare them and make them laugh and make them cry, and just kind of play with their emotions.
KM: You like making people cry.

How was the Shark Night experience for you, Kat?
KM: Oh, it was so much fun. I love going to set. I love getting up early. I mean, on a regular basis, you will never find me up early, but I love when my alarm goes off and I get to put on my pyjamas and get to set and get my coffee and my food and get in hair and makeup.

I love everything about it, so for me just the whole experience is great. We shot in Shreveport, La., and even though it's not a particularly exotic place, it was gorgeous. And I just love being in new places and feeling like you're starting something new.
DE: I love the free food part. Like, every day when you go to the set and they have all this free food. But what made it so fun for me was that we had an amazing crew and we had a cast that was into it 110 per cent.

Were you afraid of sharks before you made the movie?
KM: I'm one of those people who, especially as a kid, would spend hours in the ocean swimming. I love swimming. But always in the back of my head there was that fear of a shark coming and getting you. I could say that, yeah, this has definitely made it a little bit more of a threat.
DE: For me, I grew up in the ocean as well — my whole life in Malibu — and I'm aware of them, you respect them. But you have a better chance of getting hit by a coconut than getting killed by a shark. But it's a primal fear for people.
KM: It's just not a way you want to go. There's a couple other ways I could think of wanting to go other than sharks.

How creative do you get with the deaths in the movie?
DE: Pretty creative. Each one is different and unique. And what's cool about it is we had so many different types of sharks. We have hammerheads and great white sharks and bull sharks and cookie-cutter sharks...

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Stars: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington and Tom Wilkinson
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The Debt is an espionage story with a twist. In 1996 retired Mossad agents Rachel, David and Stefan (Helen Mirren, Ciarán Hinds and Tom Wilkinson) are heroes, acclaimed for their brave capture and execution of a notorious war criminal in 1966.

In flashback we meet the same characters played by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington, learn the personal dynamics of the mission and the key to a long held secret.

The flashback sequence makes up the bulk of the film so it's fair to say this isn't Helen Mirren's film, but her character Rachel's. Unusual for a spy movie, the story is told through the eyes of a woman but that adds depth to what is essentially a pulpy spy story. ● RICHARD CROUSE

The Debt. Screen times

PARK & TILFORD
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SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
(14A) Wed-Thu 1-4:7:35-10:35

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
(14A) Wed-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
(14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital
Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
(14A) Wed-Thu 1-4:15-7:35-10:45

Clooney flick opens Venice film festival

In all, 66 movies will make their world premiere at the 68th edition of the world's oldest festival

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▶ Man of the hour: Actor George Clooney arrives at the Venice Film Festival, yesterday.

George Clooney's The Ides of March opens a star-studded Venice Film Festival today, and fans will also see two other Hollywood actor/directors, Madonna and Al Pacino, premiering their latest directorial efforts.

Clooney's political drama is among 23 films vying for the coveted Golden Lion, which will be awarded Sept. 10.

The jury will be headed by American director Darren Aronofsky, a two-time Golden Lion winner whose Black Swan was launched to huge Oscar success after opening in Venice last year.

The Ides of March tells the story of an ambitious campaign press secretary, played by Ryan Gosling, who gets swept up in a political scandal in the last frantic days of a heavily contested primary race.

Clooney said the movie was ready to begin filming when Barack Obama was elected U.S. president in 2008.

"Suddenly, a cynical film about politics seemed badly timed. Everyone was too optimistic," Clooney wrote in film notes. "It only took about a year before all the optimism evaporated and the timing seemed perfect." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madge movie

One of the most highly-anticipated events at Venice this year is Madonna's second feature film, the U.K. production W.E.

The movie intercuts between the romance of a modern woman and the relationship of American socialite Wallis Simpson and Britain's King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne for love in the 1930s.

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HORROR FLICKS, DOCUMENTARY STYLE

Found footage is an interesting, and somewhat believable, movie set-up Apollo 18 is the latest film to try it

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The most famous "found footage" film begins with the words, "In October of 1994, three student filmmakers disappeared into the woods of Burketville, Maryland while shooting a documentary. A year later their footage was found."

Thus began the Blair Witch Project, a movie Roger Ebert called an "extraordinarily effective horror film."

He also called it a "celebration of rock bottom production values" for its rough hewn camera style and no-budget scares.

Those are trademarks of found footage style movies. The premise is almost always the same: someone has recovered film left behind by, as Wikipedia says, "missing or dead protagonists," and pieced it together to tell a (usually) horrifying story.

This weekend Apollo 18 uses (fictional) found footage from NASA's abandoned Apollo 18 mission to reveal the reason the U.S. has never returned to the moon.

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▶ The Blair Witch Project capitalized on the trend of missing footage later discovered.

In the wake of Blair Witch, theatres were overflowing with found footage movies, partially because they're cheap to make, and partially because audiences raised on reality TV seemed to respond to them.

Movies like The St. Francisville Experiment, The Last Horror Movie, September Tapes and The Curse tried, most unsuccessfully, to cash in on the box office bonanza of Blair Witch, but [Rec], a Spanish horror film about a haunted building was the most successful, artistically and financially.

Less successful but interesting is Redacted, a Brian De Palma war film shot through the lens of one of his characters. De Palma came up with the idea when he was asked by HDNet Films to make a movie for $5 million on HD.

If the Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity are the successful of the genre, the most contentious, the most controversial, must be Cannibal Holocaust.

The 1980 fake cannibal footage was so convincing the director was arrested and charged with murder. Police believed several actors had been killed on screen but charges were dropped when the actors showed up at the trial, safe and sound.

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Jolie sets baby bump record straight

Rumours of secret wedding and another baby en route make headlines

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Angelina Jolie

With all the speculation going around about her family life, Angelina Jolie wants to clear a few things up.

"I'm not pregnant. I'm not adopting at the moment," Jolie tells Vanity Fair. She added that there is no "secret wedding" planned for her and Brad Pitt.

Jolie is more concerned with her directorial debut,

In the Land of Blood and Honey, and says that Pitt tried his best to be helpful during the making of the project.

"He'd come in and say what he liked or what he didn't understand," she says.

"Like any woman, I would listen to most of it and fight a few things. He's been so supportive.

But it's hard to separate the person that loves you from the critic, so I don't think he's a fair judge."

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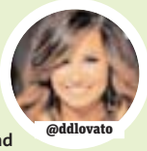
Celebrity tweets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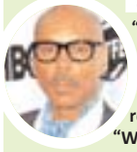
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"OMG! Can U imagine if Madonna won Best Director for "W.E."?"

@JimCarrey

"We are plagued by earthquakes tornados and hurricanes lately. Is it the end of times or just God's way of getting rid of the bankers?"

Lindsay's bro receives threatening calls

Lindsay Lohan's 15-year-old brother, Cody Lohan, hasn't been having the best summer.

The teen has reportedly been receiving threatening phone calls that were unsettling enough for him to call 911, according to reports from TMZ.

Cody reported to police that the caller was threatening to "harm him," law enforcement sources say.

There was some questions raised about who was watching the teenage brother of star Linsday.

Reports indicated his mother, Dina Lohan, was still in Los Angeles at the time after attending the recent, high-profile wedding of socialite Kim Kardashian.

Sources have since told the celebrity-driven website that Cody is "under proper care now."

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Lindsay Lohan

Garfield fears big fame

Andrew Garfield says the only thing that made him nearly say no to being the new Spider-Man was the movie star status that would come with it.

"That was absolutely the one thing I questioned. I thought about it for a month, constantly," he tells the L.A. Times.

"It terrifies me. I just saw that I was given an opportunity to play a part that I've been wanting to play since I was a two-year-old. I don't want the rest of it.

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Kate opens up about blaze at Branson's home

Kate Winslet is finally breaking her silence about her harrowing escape from a recent house fire on Richard Branson's private Caribbean island.

"I'm just glad that everyone is safe, "Winslet told Entertainment Tonight recently.

"And this easily could not have been the case."

She gives credit to her host for making the most of the terrifying situation.

"I will never forget Richard placing his arms around both my children as we were watching the flames, and saying, 'At the end of the day, what you realize is that all that matters is the people that you love. Everything else is just stuff. And none of that stuff matters,'" Winslet remembers of the emotional day.

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Winslet

Matthew Fox detained by police

Matthew Fox

Lost star Matthew Fox was detained by police in Cleveland after an altercation outside a bar with a female bus driver, according to TMZ.

The driver, Heather Borman, says a clearly inebriated Fox was trying to the party bus she was driving, though he wasn't a part of the group who had rented it.

"He just kept staring at me with his mouth wide open and not saying anything. I told him, 'You have to leave buddy. You are trespassing on my bus,'" Borman says.

She added that Fox then "leaned in and started punching my crotch and breast."

Borman struck back, punching Fox in the face and splitting his lip, which deterred the actor.

Borman says she was acting in self-defence.

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Soderbergh to leave film behind?

Steven Soderbergh admits he is considering leaving filmmaking behind.

"I'm interested in exploring another art form while I have the time and ability to do so," he tells the New York Times. "I'll be the first person to say if I can't be any good at it and run out of money I'll be back making another Ocean's movie."

The filmmaker says earlier this year he told Matt Damon about his plans during a "drunk" chat.

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Prepare for a scare at Halifax haunts

Ghost stories and sightings abound at Halifax's most popular tourist sites

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▶ Visitors claim to have seen ghosts in the garrison cells at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

With its long history of disasters and shipwrecks, there is an air of tragedy that hangs over Halifax, not unlike the dense fog that often rolls in from its harbour.

One of Halifax's most infamous spooky sites is the Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill, perched on the bustling corner of Carmichael and Argyle Streets. Having once served as a mortuary, it's perhaps not surprising that the 194-year-old structure is equally known for its hauntings as well as its halibut.

The four-storey, brick-and-wood building opened in 1816 as a schoolhouse and was eventually taken over by a local family and turned into a funeral home.

It became the last stop of sorts for victims of two significant disasters of the 20th century — the sinking of the Titanic off Newfoundland in April 1912 and the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The explosion occurred when a supply vessel and a munitions ship collided in the harbour, killing 2,000 people and leaving some 9,000 injured.

Shane Robilliard, the Five Fishermen's general manager, says tales of cutlery moving on its own, disembodied voices and shadowy figures have actually been good for business.

"People dine at the Five Fishermen to experience something or to be a part of the history of this building," he says.

More eerie experiences await just up Carmichael Street at one of the city's most recognizable sites, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

The British fort, completed in 1856, offers 90-minute tours exploring every dark nook and cranny where the ghosts of former soldiers are said to lurk.

Hal Thompson, the site's visitor experience officer, remembers one visitor to the site who said she spied a uniformed man enter a room and seemingly vanish. The woman was unaware of the site's ghostly reputation and wanted to know how the man — whom she presumed to be a staff member — managed to leave undetected from a room with only one exit.

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Travel brief

A series of guided fall hikes along Ontario's Bruce Trail will explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Seven locations on the trail are highlighted, including Waterdown, the Credit River valley, the Nottawasaga Bluffs and the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. Dubbed "Geology 101 on Foot," the walks are a fundraising project to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

- History doesn't have to be boring thanks for these fun attractions that will help you learn about the city
- Take a walk back in time by visiting some of Vancouver's most interesting historical buildings and areas

Historical look at Vancouver

TEXT BY STEPHANIE ORFORD AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

Civil historian and tour guide John Atkin designed this historic walking tour of downtown Vancouver (Gastown).

Atkin is co-author of The Changing City: Architecture and History Walking Tours in Centre Vancouver.

For more information on Atkin or his tours, visit johnatkin.com.

History Lesson

A look at some of Vancouver's important events.

- **17th Century**
  In the 17th century, the Vancouver area is home to a number of First Nations groups.
- The Spanish claim the west coast of North America, hence Spanish street names like Cordova.
- **1792**
  Captain George Vancouver charts West Coast waters in 1792.
- **1808**
  Simon Fraser sets up trading posts in 1808.
- **1858**
  Britain declares the mainland a colony after gold is discovered in the Fraser River in 1858.
- **1867**
  'Gassy' Jack establishes a saloon in what is now Gastown in 1867.
- **1884**
  In 1884, the first train arrives at the Canadian Pacific Railway station in Coal Harbour.
- **1886**
  Vancouver is incorporated in 1886 then levelled by a fire two months later.
- **1891**
  The Interurban, Vancouver's first tram system, starts up in 1891.
- **1985**
  The first SkyTrain line opens along Terminal Ave. in 1985.

Stop No. 1

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Maple Tree Square
Maple Tree Square at the intersection of Carrall, Powell, Water, and Alexander Streets.

Why it's special: Maple Tree Square is where Vancouver began. It includes a statue of Captain Jack Deighton who arrived in the 1867 with his family and a barrel of whiskey and built a saloon near the only colonial settlement in the area at the time. The town was named Granville, then renamed Vancouver in 1886.

Neat Details: Three months after incorporation, the entire settlement burned to the ground, so most buildings downtown don't predate 1886.

Stop No. 2

STEPHANIE ORFORD

Dunn Miller Block
Dunn Miller Block on the south-west corner of Carrall and Cordova Streets (it now houses Army & Navy).

Why it's special: The Dunn-Miller Block was built by two businessmen (Mr. Dunn and Mr. Miller) in 1889. They commissioned separate buildings side-by-side but wanted them joined by one large façade, which made the two buildings look like one.

Neat Details: Nicknamed the most pretentious building in early Vancouver, it is large and impressive with an Italianate facade and giant pediments on top. But at the time it was built, Vancouver was just a tiny settlement town surrounded by forest.

Stop No. 3

STEPHANIE ORFORD

The Woodward's Building
The Woodward's Building at the north-west corner of Cordova and Abbott Streets.

Why it's special: This is the site of the old Woodward's Department Store, which was built in 1903. At the time it was built, the building's Food Floor was North America's largest supermarket. Many of the old storefront signs have been restored and are now on display.

Neat Details:
Woodward's is no longer. But the new multi-purpose building in its place has portions of the old structure. Head into the atrium and look at art that includes a photo mural by local artist Stan Douglas, depicting the Gastown Riots of 1971.

Stop No. 4

STEPHANIE ORFORD

Dominion Building
Dominion Building at the corner of Cambie and Cordova Streets.

Why it's special: Built in 1910, it was Vancouver's first steel-frame building and at 13 storeys high, one of Vancouver's tallest 'cloud-scrapers.' The Second Empire style edifice was the tallest building in the British Empire at the time.

Neat Details: With its standout colours and architecture, the Dominion Building looks like it might belong in Paris. The building now houses an eclectic mix of businesses including the offices of film production companies, designers and record labels.

Stop No. 5

STEPHANIE ORFORD

The Canadian Pacific Railway Station
The Canadian Pacific Railway Station a.k.a. Waterfront Station at the far north end of Seymour at Cordova.

Why it's special: Built in 1914, it was the western-most hub of the Canadian National Railway, which extended from Vancouver across Canada to Toronto and Montreal. The station is now home to two SkyTrain lines, the SeaBus, and the West Coast Express train.

Neat Details: The CPR commissioned Adelaide Langford, the wife of the Canadian Pacific Railway's national property manager, to paint views of the B.C. mountains as seen from the CPR train tracks. Today, her paintings line the tops of the station walls.

Editor's pick

Walk or bicycle through Vancouver's only cemetery, established in 1896. There are more than 92,000 burial sites and 145,000 interred remains kept there. There are Chinese, Japanese and Jewish burial areas as well as an infant burial area. Many historically significant Vancouver figures are buried there, including the city's first mayor, two hockey hall-of-famers and Titanic survivor. The cemetery is also a place for meditation and peaceful contemplation, and has a beautiful view of the North Shore. It is on Fraser Street. with entrances at 39th and 41st Aves. From downtown, take the #8 Fraser bus.

DON'T MISS THESE ATTRACTIONS

Historic Columbia Street Walking Tour

Take a Historic Columbia Street walking tour in New Westminster (once the capital of B.C.) starting at the Columbia SkyTrain Station, which is adjacent to two historic downtown buildings. For walking tour information, visit tourismnewwestminster.com/tour-colwalk.html

Shaughnessy Heights

Walk around the palatial homes and manicured estates of Shaughnessy Heights, one of Vancouver's wealthiest neighbourhoods.

Watch for the Hycroft Manor built in 1909 with 30 rooms, a pool, a bowling alley and ballroom. It also served as the Shaughnessy Military Hospital during WWII. Shaughnessy Heights is located just off Granville Street and 16th Ave on McRae Ave. From downtown, take the #10 Granville bus.

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Jamaica has a Dogsled team

Farm near Ocho Rios offers visitors the chance to take a dogsled ride in an unlikely locale

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▶ A musher takes tourists for a dogsled ride through the Jamaican countryside.

You can find a perfect example of the Jamaican spirit in an unexpected place: the Chukka Cove Farm, home to the 30 or so mutts that comprise the Jamaican dogsled team.

"It's about the can-do attitude of Jamaicans," says founder Danny Melville, 64, as he rattles off several other examples of Jamaicans' determination, including reggae music and the beloved Olympic bobsled team.

Located near Ocho Rios, in St. Ann Parish, his Chukka farm offers visitors an opportunity to ride on a dry-land sled pulled by 15 dogs, all of them strays that Chukka has adopted. It's one of several thrill rides offered by Chukka Caribbean Adventures.

Melville, who lives in Toronto, was first drawn to the concept when he spotted a dry-land sled while shopping for dune buggies in Alberta.

He thought a dogsled tour would be a great addition to Chukka's dozens of other offerings, which include everything from flying through the trees on a zipline and riding an ATV into the mountains to taking a pilgrimage on the Zion Bus Line through musical history to Bob Marley's birthplace.

You can even go swimming in the ocean on horseback, a signature tour that Melville says he pioneered himself nearly three decades ago.

It was a challenge for Melville, who had only ever seen sled dogs on television, to put together the team.

"You're getting a bunch of dogs off the street and they're kind of looking at you like, 'What do you mean, pull?' What is this all about?'" says Melville.

Visitors who take the tour will get to meet and greet the dogs before the ride.

They'll also get to experience the only dogsled museum south of the Arctic Circle before the thrilling ride.

"When we hook up 15 or 16 dogs to that sled, you fly," says Melville.

Today the dogsled team, which Melville says is the only such operation in the Caribbean, is much more than the adventure tour that it was intended to be.

In addition to taking visitors on high-speed dry-land runs, some of Chukka's mushers compete in races, from smaller ones in Ontario to the world-renowned Iditarod race in Alaska. The mushers lease dog teams for those endeavours, says Melville, because the Jamaican mutts would freeze to death in the sub-zero temperatures.

"You don't just enter those races by going and paying an entry fee," says Melville. "You have to qualify for those races because you could die. People get frostbite, lose fingers. These are tough races."

The expeditions, which can take two weeks to complete, are a true test of one's ability to survive in some of the world's harshest winter conditions, says Melville.

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▶ Chukka Cove Farm also offers ocean swimming on horseback.

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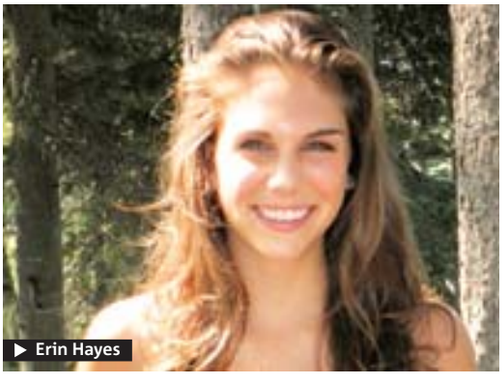
As a second-year business student tired of spending my summers working in retail, I jumped at the opportunity to enrol in the co-operative education option (co-op) offered at my school.

I joined co-op under the impression that I would easily be able to secure meaningful summer employment, but I quickly discovered this was not the case.

I applied to countless jobs and had no difficulty getting interviews; my problem lay in receiving an actual job offer.

I left each interview feeling as if it had gone well, only to be informed a few days later that I had not been chosen as the successful candidate for the job. And I was not alone. Several of my fellow classmates were experiencing the exact same dilemma.


Erin Hayes

As a well-qualified applicant, this frustrating process led me to wonder which students were being selected for these jobs. It turned out that students with more experience and education, such as third and fourth years and graduates with whom I could not compete, were getting those offers.

Employers shouldn't overlook the applications of promising young students simply because they lack experience.

Students who actively achieve and aim to improve themselves should be given fair consideration from employers; these students should not be automatically placed on the back burner to more senior and experienced applicants.

To compete with more experienced applicants, younger students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered by universities, such as volunteering, conferences and competitions.

By making an effort to get involved, students can develop relevant skills to their field of study, as well as establish relationships and build their professional network. When participating in extra-curricular activities, you never know what opportunities will present themselves or who you might meet.

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Where Erin is now

I had nearly resorted to handing out resumés at the local mall when an opportunity arose.

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Your pre-boot action plan

Keep those contact list close to you just in case the worst happens

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Should the axe fall and your job get severed, career counsellors warn, you'll have to get by with a little help from your friends.

Except, big problem: If you're like the average laid off employee, your friends will all be left behind in that same burning building.

That's why career counsellors recommend you foster industry friendships far beyond the block where you work, while you're still working.

"It's much easier to have that network ready in place when you need it than
to try to scramble and connect the people at the last minute," About.com jobseekers' guru Alison Doyle cautions. "Then all of a sudden you're begging people."

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▶ Who you gonna call?

And that, she explains, is what you'd least like to be doing: scrounging strangers for jobs.

Instead, agrees Connecting With Success author Kathleen Barton, your network should be in constant development, a regular exchange of favours and tips.

"It's about building mutually beneficial relationships, where you're not always asking for help when you're contacting them," she says. "Maybe you're giving updates, or finding out how they're doing, or how you can support them."

Or maybe you're just calling to say howdy — one friendly lunch hour phone call at a time.

Find The Little Reasons

Great networking, Barton offers, is about seizing those little excuses to reach out to a mere acquaintance.

"There are so many creative ways you can do that," she says. Holidays help —and not just the passé ones like Christmas and birthdays. Think Halloween, she suggests.

"Rather than Christmas, when everybody gets cards, I send Thanksgiving cards to let them know I'm thinking about them," she adds.

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School supplies?

Balancing the school budget can get complicated when you and your child's other parent are not together. Here are some tips to the scholastic year fiscally fair, even if you are not divorced.

Balance needs versus wants Make a list of "needs" and agree that kids will get a few "wants" met. Allocate a set dollar amount they are free to spend.

Set the budget before you go shopping Before you venture into a store set a non-negotiable budget. This is not just for their purposes but also to keep parents from caving in.

Make a detailed list before you hit the stores We know not to go grocery shopping when hungry and the same rule applies for back-to-school shopping. There are many purchase temptations to abstain from, even for the strong-willed.

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Blue Jays lose to O's in extra innings

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Ryan Adams capped a two-run, 10th-inning rally with an RBI single and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 last night.

Matt Wieters led off the Baltimore 10th by drawing a walk off Brian Tallet (0-2), who was trying for his first career save. Mark Reynolds walked and, after Robert Andino bunted a foul third strike, pinch hitter Jake Fox hit a game-tying single to right with Reynolds taking third.

Adams followed with a deep fly ball off the warning track beyond a drawn-in outfield.

The Blue Jays have lost five of six.

"You've got to take it as it comes and analyze it and you've just got to suck it up and move on to tomorrow," said Langley's Brett Lawrie. "There's no sense in dwelling on it. You've got to come back tomorrow and keep playing."

Lawrie's sixth homer staked Toronto to a 3-0 lead in the second. After one-out walks to Edwin Encarnacion and Kelly Johnson, Lawrie ripped a 1-2 curveball from Jeremy Guthrie into the left-field stands.

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The waiting game

Jackson frustrated over not seeing more passes come his way

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Paris Jackson fails to make a catch in the end zone last season.

A big smile spread across Paris Jackson's face this week as he stopped to speak with some spectators gathered to watch a B.C. Lions practice.

A few minutes later that grin faded into a frown when the Lions receiver was asked about a CFL season where he has yet to catch a pass.

"Frustrating, long," Jackson said shaking his head. "I just don't know where I fit in.

"At the same time it's making me mentally stronger. It makes me understand football can be taken away."

While concentrating on this season, Jackson does wonder about his future with the Lions.

"It's been going through my mind," he said after the Lions (2-6) practised for their game Friday against the Toronto Argonauts (2-6) at Rogers Centre. "That's the off-season. I can't worry about that now."

The 31-year-old Vancouver native has enjoyed a starring role with the Lions for nine seasons. He's caught 60 or more passes each of the last four years and twice been over 1,000 yards.

But this year Jackson has gone from being a main cog in the offence to a spare part. He started the season bothered by a knee injury but claims he's 100 per cent healthy.

"I'm out here running around," Jackson said. "Whatever they need me to do, I'm out here trying to show them I can fly around and make plays."

When he's played, the six-foot-three, 220-pound Jackson has mostly been used as a blocker. The only pass sent his way sailed over his head.

"It's frustrating, but at the same time I am still confident in my ability," Jackson said. "If it comes my way, I've just got to make plays."

Wally Buono, the Lions coach and general manager, understands Jackson's bewilderment but isn't making any promises.

"Paris might not get a pass this week either," said Buono. "He's practised well the last couple of weeks.

"I think the quarterbacks are getting confidence in him. I think he's getting more confidence in himself. Hopefully soon we will get him the ball and he'll be a bigger part of what we are doing."

Quarterback Travis Lulay swears he's not purposely ignoring Jackson.

"It's not a matter of not having faith in Paris," said Lulay. "I threw my first career touchdown to Paris.

"I have all the confidence in the world throwing the ball his way. It's just been a matter of the way the game has been played that he hasn't got in the game."

In the past Jackson has been animated and loud.

This year Jackson has been seen but rarely heard. At practices he stands quietly, holding his helmet.

"They brought me in and told me to be quiet," he said. "I have done the best I could.

"It's hard to keep a beast in his cage. At the same time I understand where they are coming from. It's about making the team better. It's been tough. It's a new role."

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▶ Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot against Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan yesterday.

Nadal perseveres in Round 1

Rafael Nadal's first match as defending U.S. Open champion was hardly a tour de force.

He would fall behind in a set, then come back. Fall behind, then come back.

His shots didn't have their normal depth. He needed to save seven set points during the second set.

The second-seeded Nadal eventually got past 98th-ranked Andrey Golubev 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 in New York City last night to reach the second round of the U.S. Open.

6 Rafael Nadal's serve was broken six times yesterday; that happened to him only five times in seven matches during the 2010 U.S. Open

"Well," Nadal said, "I was a little bit lucky to win today in straight sets."

Nadal expended a lot more energy than No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic.

The Serbian built a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland stopped after 44 minutes. Niland had food poisoning.

Earlier, top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki — who's searching for her first Grand Slam trophy — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

Vancouver's Rebecca Marino and Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., both lost their first-round matches.

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Sports in brief

A former NBA player who is accused of shooting an Atlanta woman to death appeared to be retaliating for being robbed of $55,000 US worth of jewelry, police said.

Javaris Crittenton was arrested late Monday at a Southern California airport. He has been charged with murder in the Aug. 19 shooting death of Jullian Jones outside her house in Atlanta, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

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Engine

Getting the Beetle up to speed is handled by three distinct powerplants.

Base models come with a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine that pretty much carries over from the New Beetle. Optional is VW's popular 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (TDI) that offers a very real alternative to most gas-electric hybrids when overall fuel economy and initial purchase cost are factored in.

The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle features a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that also returns slightly better fuel economy than the base five-cylinder.

'Adult contemporary'

The 2012 Beetle features more people-friendly dimensions.

The distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom as well as a more generous stowage area with either the 50:50 split rear seat occupied or folded flat.

On the inside, the term "adult contemporary" comes to mind.

A sense of purpose and sportiness prevails with easy-to-read dials and massive air vents at either end of the dashboard.

Different look

Gone is the New Beetle's oval, almost cartoonish appearance, replaced by a longer hood and flatter roofline that ends in a rounded hatchway flanked by a set of prominent taillights.

Overall it's a look that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, who sculpted the original Beetle nearly three-quarters of a century ago, would likely approve of.

▶ Although it looks lower, it's really because the Beetle is longer and wider than before. Three engine choices greet buyers with the turbo-diesel being our choice for around-town pep and excellent economy.

Catch the VW Bug all over again

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The new 2012 Beetle represents another step back to the future for an iconic brand that is simply too good to let slip away.

The world held its collective baited breath when Volkswagen launched the New Beetle back in the late 1990s, before surging forward to scoop up as many of the reconstituted Bugs as the German automaker could produce.

Not many years later, the New Beetle had become not so new and its popularity waned.

Although the convertible version maintained a respectable degree of popularity, the hatchback model seemed to drift unchecked year after model year.

Following a one-year absence, the Beetle is back this fall with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more available power. Yes, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please.

That the car is returning at all is a gutsy move. After all, nobody begrudged Chrysler for cashiering the PT Cruiser econo-hot rod following its lengthy run and well after its "best-before" date had come and gone. But VW management obviously thought the Beetle brand was worth continuing.

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The last-generation Acura RL is one such sedan.

With a plethora of features culminating in the most comprehensively-equipped sedan Honda's ever built, RL shoppers can look for navigation, Bluetooth, voice command, an advanced audio system, automatic climate control, steerable xenon lights and an intelligent key system, as well as plenty more.

2005 to 2008 Acura RL

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Engine

All RL models got a 3.5-litre, 290 horsepower V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). There's no V8 engine available.

What owners like

Drivers of this generation RL report enjoying a comfortable and quiet ride, agile handling, "under-the-radar" styling and great long-haul comfort during road trips. Masterful build quality and materials impressed many owners, as did Acura's promise of reliable performance.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include small, fussy and complicated controls for the navigation and audio system, and a relatively small trunk. Some owners report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

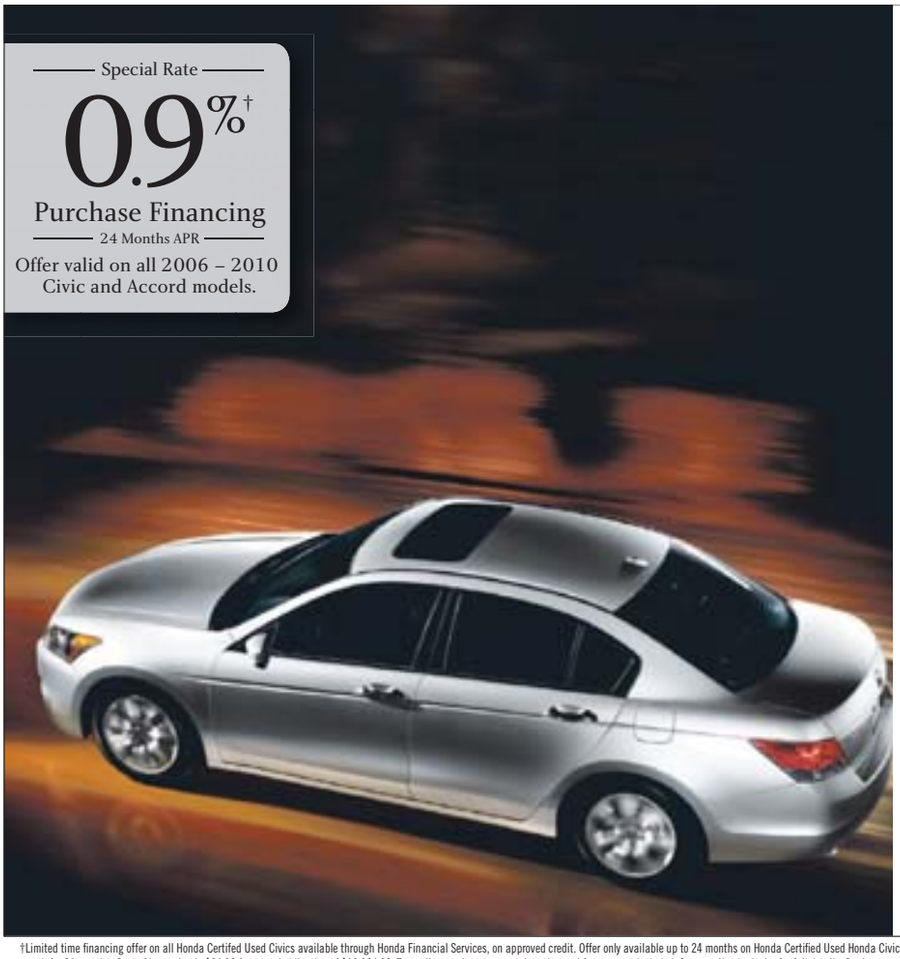
Common issues

Low sales volumes mean Acura RL reliability information is tough to come by, but a few mandatory checks should help shoppers find a healthy unit. Approaching the RL, be sure the intelligent key-fob allows you to lock and unlock the doors with a touch on the handle. Look inside the wheelwells for signs of rust, as well as underneath the doors and around the trunk lid. Check for fluid leaks around the engine, transmission and transaxle.

Verdict

Concerns and trouble areas seem limited mainly to minor interior problems, and the RL ultimately appears to be a solid bet with a solid drivetrain.

Budget for a full fluid change and tune up to be safe.



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Sergio Marchionne is the high-flying and much-quoted president of Fiat and Chrysler. But he isn't the only Canadian making an impact on the global automotive stage.

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▶ "Being involved with leading edge technology is a great opportunity to motivate and develop our people," commented Ray Tanguay (inset), after his Toyota plant in Woodstock, Ont., was confirmed to produce the all-electric RAV EV.

After a promotion earlier this year, Ray Tanguay became the highest-ranking non-Japanese executive at Toyota Motor Corporation.

During Toyota's recall difficulties, he was asked by Toyota's numero uno executive, president Akio Toyoda, to help draft a Global Vision Business Plan, which would ultimately guide the Toyota mothership back on course.

Tanguay believed he received the invite to craft a plan because he made "the biggest noise" about Toyota losing its way. The gist of his vision was that Toyota's immense workforce, scattered all over the globe, needed a greater sense of mission and empowerment. To that end, he suggested more local decision-making and direct access to the top decision-makers in Japan.

Toyoda liked Tanguay's plan so much he immediately added the title of senior managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation to Tanguay's already considerable portfolio. There are only three such positions worldwide, and they are just one rung below that of the board of directors.

Currently his two other titles are: Senior Vice President, Toyota Motor North America; and Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.

The plan is far from his only accomplishment. He continues to champion more production and research facilities on this continent. He oversaw the growth of Toyota's

Canadian production in Cambridge, Ont., and its evolution into a perennial winner of international quality awards. This made it easy for Toyota to send Lexus RX 350 production there in 2003 — still the only Lexus plant outside of Japan. And when Toyota was looking to open a North American plant to build its RAV4, Tanguay came up with a novel proposal — build the RAV4 plant in nearby Woodstock, as a satellite facility of the Cambridge plant.

Another recent accomplishment: The "house that Ray built" in Woodstock just received confirmation this month, that it will be the first North American Toyota facility to build an electric vehicle. In fact, the RAV EV will be built on the same line as the gasoline-powered RAV4.

Tanguay has French Canadian roots. Silver-haired, tall, and dignified, he reminds one of another charismatic French Canadian leader — Jean Beliveau, the legendary and graceful captain of the Montreal Canadians.

I don't know if Tanguay ever played hockey. But seeing that he was born and raised in Mattice, a remote town in northern Ontario, I'm betting he did. And I'm betting that underneath the controlled persona is someone just like Beliveau, someone with a lot of drive, passion, and competitive fight.

Top Gear

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1 The slick Shelby Cruiser from Felt Bicycles bears the name of racer/car builder Carroll Shelby and is intended to be a two-wheel interpretation of the mid-'60s Mustang-based GT350. The bicycle boasts a hydroformed tank frame (shaped using hydraulic fluid pumped into a hollow aluminum tube under high pressure), Shimano Nexus-brand three-speed gearing, black 36-spoke super-wide rims and a special double front fork (one of which is spring-loaded). feltbicycles.com.

2 The Traffic Jam logic puzzle from ThinkFun has been challenging millions of players for more than 25 years. The idea is to slide the blocking vehicles in such a way so that the path is clear for the red-coloured car to exit the game board. Sounds simple enough, but after trying it ourselves we can attest to the skill and smarts needed to free the car from its gridlocked position. Check with your local toy outlet, or order online at thinkfun.com. WHEELBASE

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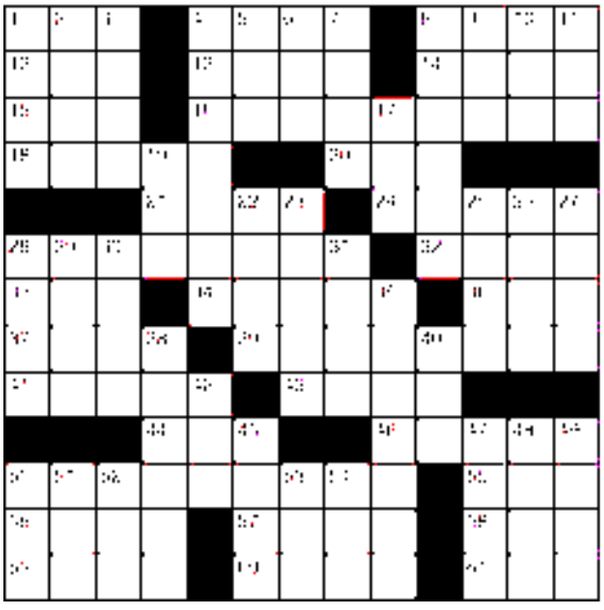

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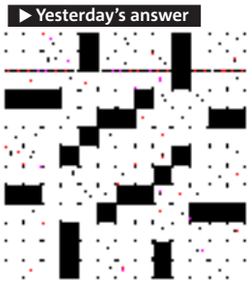

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	1	6	4	2	5	7	8
2	7	5	8	9	1	6	3	4
4	6	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8	9
7	9	4	2	1	8	3	5	6
5	8	6	4	3	9	1	2	7
8	2	3	9	6	4	7	1	5
1	4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2
6	5	9	1	2	7	8	4	3

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Honey, I love you so much!! This month is so exciting moving in with you, its an awesome new change i cant wait for more excting things to come. We have so many plans and so many dreams and i know they will all work out. I cant Wait!! Love **SWEETHEART <3**

My fairy baki, I always lied in front of you but today in front of everyone, the whole city, I want to apoloize for what i had done. I am sorry. You can only complete me, my half part, my destiny. I miss you a lot dear. Kuchu miss you. I love you .. Tc & please think to come back... **KUCHU LIER**

Muffin, Not a day goes by that I am not thankful to have your love, You have shown me how love is supposed to be and I thank you for that..... I Love you with all my heart and want to be with you forever **PIE**

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You know what you are capable of (much more than most people) so get out there and make it happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Venus, planet of love, is strong in the most passionate area of your chart, so make the most of it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will pay you to come on a little less strong today, especially at work.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Enjoy yourself today. Meet up with your favourite friends and do the kind of things that make you laugh.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You know what needs to be done to resolve a relationship issue and get back on good terms with loved ones.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to advice from those you trust before you act. You have lots to learn.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your merest whim will be catered for by those who adore you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on things that bring you pleasure today and pretend that bad things do not exist. It's up to you whether you're happy or sad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may prefer to deal in facts but today you will have to take so many things on trust.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Something will grab hold of your imagination and refuse to let go.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Not everyone in this world is motivated by selfishness. Who can you help be a better person today?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You're special, and in some way today, you will prove it. Make the world better. SALLY BROMPTON

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